

REMARKS

Applicant responds to the Office Action of March 25, 2005. Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 8-12 and 18-29 have been rejected. Claims 4-7 have been objected to. Claims 13-17 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 4-7 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 8-12 and 18-29 have been cancelled.

Specification Objections

The specification has been objected to for failing to provide a cross-reference to related application on page 1 of the specification. Applicant submits that no claim to domestic or foreign priority was made upon filing of the application, and thus, the Examiner's objection is moot.

Claims 1-3, 8, and 10-11 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b)

Claims 1-3, 8, and 10-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by German patent DE 195 04 044 to Krasselt (translated copy). The Examiner contends that Krasselt discloses a conveying roll for transport of highly heated objects, for example, glass panes.

In response, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 8 and 10-11.

Claims 9, 12, 18-22, and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 9, 12, 18-22 and 26-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krasselt in view of U.S. Patent 3,802,495 to Hordis. The Examiner contends that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Krasselt and Hordis, because such a combination would elongate the length of the shaft of Krasselt.

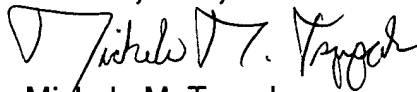
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Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 4-7 as containing allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based upon Applicant's amendment of claims 4-7 which have been amended accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a timely issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 4-7.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. under Attorney Docket No. **GLBCP0111US**.

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